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Page 1: immediately below the title, insert the following:

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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above the first paragraph beginning at line 9, delete the heading which appears in brackets, and insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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Page 4: ~~delete~~ the existing heading in brackets before the first full paragraph beginning at line 5, and insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

 Page 12: delete the existing heading in brackets before the first full paragraph beginning at line 9, and insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 12: between the third and fourth full paragraphs, delete the existing heading in brackets which appears at line 21, and insert the following heading:

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

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